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Steve Bare reads at tutoring

READING SO IMPORTANT

Reading to little

children and giving them books to take home is one part of our tutoring efforts on Monday nights. Many of our children reach 3rd or 4th grade without basic reading skills. We encourage our tutors to work on homework but also to read to their students. We have a seldom used pool table in our café which we cover with books for children to take home.



WE LOVE THANKSGIVING

Every year the holiday season brings people to our doors. This was our best attended Thanksgiving dinner since

2019 which was nice to see. We have all the fixings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner along with some great friends from Fellowship Church in South Lyon who come to prep the room, cook the food, serve, and clean up. God bless our friends. Before the dinner we fill our sanctuary to capacity and share the Word of God. Through the years these events helped us reach out to our neighbors in need. We remain thankful to be able to show the love of our Savior to our neighbors. You do not see the screen in these pictures but we also had the Lions game showing in our café. Go Lions!



2011 Youth worship team

Sometime in 2003 one of our youth suggested that we begin a youth group on Friday night saying "there's nothing to do on Fridays." We have rarely had staff for youth but we began with a wonderful group of volunteers. We gave the group the name "Against the Flo" since we would challenge the youth to live a life with Jesus as their Savior. Our volunteer staff has changed many times in 22 years, but the LORD constantly gives us the help we need. Thanks to the Smiths for their

many years of service along with the Browns and a host of other volunteers. We still meet every other Friday picking up the kids in our vans and giving them free time to play until everyone arrives. We try to teach them to worship and share God's Word. After worship time we break into three groups, with at least 2 leaders per group. little children do crafts, boys and athletic girls play in the gym, and the girls do a craft or STEM activity in the café. We appreciate all those who through the years gave or give their time and energy on Friday nights to help our youth.



Thanksgiving food program

CHRISTIAN JUSTICE MATTERS

There should be a difference between Christian

Justice and social Justice. I would define Christian Justice as “Justice based upon God’s Word” as opposed to “social justice” defined by secular faulty thinking which more often results in harmful actions (Cf. Thomas Sowell [Social Justice Fallacies](#)). While studying the book of Ruth I gained a new insight about God’s compassionate provision for the weakest members of society. Maomi became a widow as well as experiencing the death of her two sons. Widows without sons in

the ancient world would be destitute apart from God’s provisions which includes the Law of gleaning (Lev.19.9f). Ruth, Naomi’s faithful daughter in law, gleaned the fields of Boaz to help Naomi and herself to survive. Boaz’s laborers told him that Ruth was a tireless worker only taking a few breaks through the long day as she worked to provide for herself and Maomi. Gleaning provided the destitute an opportunity to provide their needs by their own hands. God’s provision of gleaning required the destitute by their toil to participate in God’s provision for their needs.

The wisdom of God far outstretches human attempts to do the same things (again I point to Sowell). According to God’s ordinance carried out in the book of Ruth, the best way to help people is to allow them to work at least a little for their daily needs. We ask people in need to come into the church, listen or participate in a worship service, and hear the Word of God. They put forth this effort. Friends from churches like Cornerstone, and Community in Owosso as well as Faith Rochester and others help provide food which gives us the opportunity to share God’s generosity and grace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- ◆ For our youth to receive Jesus Christ and His Spirit.
- ◆ That the LORD will continue to bless our worship, we need His grace and power.
- ◆ For the LORD to please give His Word success in changing hearts and encouraging the faithful.
- ◆ Thank the LORD for supplying our needs to continue His work in southwest Detroit. Please continue to bring help in various ways.
- ◆ For our family and the babies on the way— protection, zeal, and grace.



Our family is one of God’s great blessing to us and to Military Ave. Church. We all attend and serve the church with the gifts the LORD provides us.



THEY CALL THIS CLEANING

It remains hard to be patient under the clouds

of dirt kicked up daily by “Bridging America”. I begged the “cleaners” not to continue past our kids at VBS— they complied and turned off their brushes so our kids would be spared from the cloud of dust. People ask us when will the bridge be finished? We respond that it seems to be unending torrent of construction dirt, traffic detours, and half done parts of this enormous project. Pray for our endurance.